

BIG SANDY NEWS.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

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BOSTON HARBOUR is officially pronounced to be in a defencesless condition.

The balloon for the Paris exhibition of 1869 will carry up one hundred persons.

MARIE ANTOINETTE's pearl necklace may be seen in a Berlin jewelry store window.

The Royal Geographical Society of London has decided to admit ladies as fellows.

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The Signal Service now embraces 182 stations, from which reports are made daily, and employs about 400 men, exclusive of a couple hundred clerks in Washington.

One lesson that the railway companies may learn from the recent disaster at Chatworth is the folly of building wooden bridges or trellising wherever iron, stone or brick can possibly be secured.

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CHARLES TEGLER, a young man of Detroit, who took morphine with afield intent, was walked about and whipped with wet towels and a barrel stave by the hour as the only means of saving his life. When Tegler got over his bruises he will probably not undertake suicide again.

WONDERFUL VITALITY.

An Engineer Runs a Locomotive While His Head is Split Open.

He Holds His Skull Together with One Hand—His Assistant Said to Have Been Lynched.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 21.—Andrew J. Ford is dying from the effects of a murderous blow at the hands of a negro assailant. The scene of the affray was near Surrey, a little place in Appley Court, Surrey, about ten miles from the East Tennessee road, and is a small town which has grown about McDonald & Co.'s saw-mill. From the mill to the East Tennessee there is a private railroad, and Ford is engineer on that road. A week ago, while running toward the mill, something was found to be the master with the track, and Ford ordered the mill-hands who were on the train forward to fix the track. All obeyed except a negro named John Plunkett, who absolutely refused. "All right," said Ford, "then you can't ride on my train." A few moments later Ford looked up from his work and saw Plunkett coming toward him with an axe in his hand as if to strike Ford. Ford started toward his engine. He was unseated, and, missing his footing, fell to his knees. Just as his driver Plunkett stepped up to him and struck him, Plunkett was struck by a hand, and, with his right, managed to run his engine to Surrey. The flames spread with great rapidity and soon had burst out with terrible force through the mid-way and after hatches, the heat being intense. It became evident that it was impossible to save the ship, and a momentary panic ensued.

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Camp-meeting closes next Sunday.

Come to the NEWS office for job work.

Circuit Court adjourned last Saturday.

George Archer, of Prestonsburg, is here.

R. J. Prichard went to Catlettsburg Friday.

H. B. Newberry, of Eden, was here Tuesday.

Criminal Court is in session in Pike County.

Mr. W. T. Evans was in Catlettsburg yesterday.

Capt. Freese returned from Cincinnati Sunday.

J. W. Webb, of Ashville, was in town this week.

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Hon. K. F. Prichard, of Catlettsburg, is in town.

A. P. McCoy, of Greenup, was in Louisa this week.

Col. S. A. Forbes, of Ashland, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Martha Pigg, of Huntington, W. Va., is visiting here.

J. H. O'Brien is plastering the Baptist Church building.

Mr. G. W. Gunnell made a trip to Cincinnati a few days ago.

Dr. Z. Meek, of the Central Methodist, was in our office last week.

Mrs. J. E. Roberts is spending a few days with her husband at this place.

Mrs. Bloss, of Ceredo, W. Va., was visiting relatives at this place last week.

Dr. Wrotten received a professional call from Eden, Martin county, last week.

S. W. Ingram and E. H. Black, of Cincinnati, were in town a few days since.

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A Mrs. Salmons, a white woman of Welshville, in this county, skiped recently with a negro named Peyton Scott. It is said they went to Ironton, O., and were married, and are now living in Ashland. May happiness attend them.

If your kidneys are inactive, you will feel and look wretched, even in the most cheerful society, and melancholy on the jolliest occasions. Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm will set you right again. \$1.00 per bottle. For sale by Freese & Norris.

NOTICE.

All persons in Lawrence county and vicinity who are indebted to the Singer Sewing Machine Company are requested to settle in full with our Special Agent, Mr. J. E. Roberts, when he calls on you. Or he can be seen about the 25th of each month at K. F. Vinson's, Louisa, Ky.

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That a communistic and foreign element in the blood, developed by the ingestion of the cause of rheumatism. This settles upon the sensitive sub-cutaneous covering of the muscles and ligaments of the joints, causing constant and shifting pain, and aggregating as a calcareous, chalky deposit, which produces stiffness and distortion of the joints. No one which experience has demonstrated in regard to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has stronger evidence to support him than I, namely, that this medicament of comprehensively used checks the progress of a rheumatic disease, nor is it the positive evidence of the fact, as reliable as the paloma often used to arrest it, since the medicament contains only antiseptic in greater force, it also a salve remedy for rheumatism, fever, and pain, and for kidney and bladder aitments, delirium and other disorders. See that you get the genuine

Just Discovered.

We have been informed by reliable parties that the following is true:

There lives a man in this county named William Caudle, now about eighty years old, who never saw a court-house, nor was never in a town of any size whatever. He has not, as many might suppose, been afflicted so as not to have been able to make a trip, but has been a healthy man, and simply had no desire to visit a town.

He once started to this place, but the trip was occasioned and cut short in the following manner: There is another resident of this county named Win. Caudle, for whom the Sheriff is some years ago had a summons to appear before the Lawrence court; and by mistake the Sheriff summoned the subject of this sketch. The fear of being fined if he did not attend increased Mr. Caudle's desire to see a court-house and he therefore made preparations for the journey. When he had gotten as far as the mouth of Hood, (which is twenty miles from Louisa) he met some parties whom he would probably have avoided had he appeared before the grand jury. Taking advantage of his ignorance, the parties set about to cause Mr. Caudle to return home, by telling him that he would be fined if he hitched his horse within the limits of the town, or if he walked on the pavements, and that he would be compelled to hire some one to pilot him to the court-house; and many other absurd stories. He then logically concluded that he would rather remain at home and be fined for not answering the summons than to come to town and be fined for the violation of many laws which he was confident he could not obey. So he immediately returned to his home.

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TIRED OUT.

With her and I, the ferry-boat
Tired out, tired out,
The heavy load upon her bows,
Is music impatience hung,
Then all alone, and hurried forth—
The ocean tide of men,
That every more flowed to the town,
At sight, to ebb again.
With hurried step they jostled out,
And sought the busy street;
Nor needed any one a child
That such a scene as this,
A fair and slender little girl,
Whose face, so wan and pale,
With great dark rings about the ey—
Told all the mournful tale.
All day within the factory,
So faint she could stand,
She'd sat at her allotted task,
With weak and trembling hand;
She'd not stop, that she should stay
All night to the floor;
Her work alone gaunt hunger kept
Without her mother's food.
Week after week, through weary months,
This she'd go on, with a load of toil
Had staggered beneath a load of toil
She was not made to bear;
And oft, at night, when on the boat,
Guarded with watchful eye,
And wished that pillow'd on the waves
Her weary head might lie.

"Come, all ashore!" the boatman cried,
Who, passing, spied her there;
"Come, all ashore!" and then he stopped—
"Aleep, well I doze!"
Come, all ashore!" he stopped again,
Filled with a nameless dread;
Then called the other hands to come—
"What if the child were dead?"
Her lips were mate, and closed her eyes,
Nor breath within her stirred;
But when they raised her in their hands,
A feeble moan was heard.
They laid her in an ambulance,
That bore the child away;
And soon within a hospital
All noticed she lay.
All through the silent hours of night
They heard the faint moan,
And with love and silent breath,
In plaintive monosyllables—
"Am I tired, I am so tired,
And yet so much to do;
So tired, and yet I must not stop
Until my work is through."

The night dragged by, the day came on;
They watched beside her, she moved,
She opened not her eyes, nor moved,
But ever faintly said:
"I feel as if I could not stand
Until the sun of day
Would I might die down to night
And then never stay."

That evening the sun struck six,
The patient raised her head,
And counted on the strokes, as smiled,
"Tis time to stop," she said.
"And now I'm going home, to rest—
And then she spoke no more—
Her life had struck its six o'clock.
Her day was over.

John P. Lyons, in *N. Y. Observer*.

MR. POINDEXTER.

The Exasperating Situation of Three Young Girls.

Now I'll leave it to you whether any could be more prancing, more mortifying, more unexpected, and if you don't think we had every right, if we chose, to be thunderstruck and indignant and all that; that is, if my body could be indignant with the dear, beautiful creature; and if we weren't obliged to laugh at ourselves in spite of ourselves the moment she shut the door, after kissing each of us, and went out and left us, in her gentle, proud manner, looking blankly in each other's faces. We were looking out, and combing our hair, we three girls, I mean Prim, the twins, and I, their younger sister.

"There's no denying it, Prim, he's an excellent match," Iris had said half an hour before. "He belongs to one of the oldest and best families in the country."

"And one of the whitest," said Prim;

"which is quite as much to the purpose. You can't live on the bones of your ancestors."

"Well, ancestors look down from the walls of every room in Poindexter Place. And it is very comfortable, and gives you quite a sense of being better than the best to have such a name to your claim as those—undoubtedly now, too, as it is no auction sale. And then, although it's not been opened to guests since it's old Poindexter left this sphere, the city residence is a perfect treasure-house."

"How do you know?"

"O, I've taken pains to find out—quite accidentally, of course, you may be sure. It is just full of old Turkey rugs worth three and four thousand dollars apiece."

"Looking ready to fall to pieces, I suppose."

"And Gobelin tapestries, and old ham-

merous silks, and lace, and porcelains,

and broaches, and vases, and picture-glass, O, there's nothing like its dim rich splendor!" And I must say it would be a very agreeable thing to queen it in such a house as that, especially with an adoring husband. And somehow I never look at Mr. Poindexter without feeling sure that he will love the woman he makes his wife with his whole heart and soul."

"You're so romantic, Iris," I said.

"I must confess he's a little too high and mighty, a little too stately and intellectual and all that."

"It's going to be a Scourer of the United States, the greatest position on earth, especially when he's Poindexter, and he ought to be high and mighty," I said. "But you'll never be familiar with him, and it's shocking to be afraid of your husband."

"Afraid of him!" said I. "Why, he's awfully handsome, and he's not forty."

"But, then," Iris went on, "we don't know. He mightn't be so very stately and intellectual if he ever had a chance to imitate, if mamma wasn't always by. He might let himself down from that level, and take a little interest in agreeable trifles. I've no doubt that if mamma sat in another room, as other people's mothers do, we should find that he was a good husband, and as gay as Iris. Freeman. I saw him walking at sunset, as he related his laughing ways to me another day. These grave does like to be amused. But then! he never goes chattering about chaperone. And then, too, I don't think she's ever found out that she's not young now. None of the other girls' mothers think of hanging round the way she does, and she always keeps the conversation at such heights, and there's so much majeay and manners and all, that he never has an opportunity to say, 'I know what you want.' And then, I know not what she has in mind, which of us these three he really comes to see—so at least I could tell to-day. Sometimes I've thought he likes Sue's spirits, and then I've been sure it's my eyes, and now I see plainly that it's your doneness that's so tacking."

"Do you know?" said Prim, "it doesn't quite suit my notion, this sort of talk—as if we were waiting for the Sultan to throw his handkerchief!"

"But, such a Sultan! Not a flaw about him, I heard some one say. And he looks like what I am, the very soul of knightly chivalry. There isn't a man in the world that compares with him, a perfect prince."

"And he's a good husband," I said.

"O, it won't do to talk so," said Prim.

"As far as it goes, it means nothing."

"It would only end by everybody's going apoplexy where sun was," said Prim.

"It's an awful pity," said Iris. "But it's no use. It would be in much better taste if mamma would put herself in a little nook, and have it all to herself. I know that if Mr. Poindexter, say—name, we could go down and leave mamma still sitting there."

"I think I see you doing it," said Iris.

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"It's a good husband," I said.

"I feel as if I wanted to be a mother."

"I'm the youngest of us, but we had to obey when she said so; and Prim liked it."

"Well, one day, after this thing had gone for some time, Mr. Poindexter happened to meet Prim and me walking. It was just the lovely walking weather which comes in the middle of a well-conducted

wants their interest with the daughters. They all do, always."

"But I like that atmosphere, too."

"I must acknowledge," maintained Prim, "that it's always pleasant to me to be where Iris is."

"Except when Mr. Poindexter comes."

"No; it's costing to look at her. She's an object of pleasure to the eye. What eyes hers are, too—those soft blue-gray eyes like great jewels, half veiled in their black lashes! And what a tea-rose skin it is! And her figure, and the way she walks; she is like some one you read of; she's my ideal of woman."

"She's my darling. She has you is possessive in me before she had me, that's the reason. Still, it is true that if we only had mamma's shape and her complexion and her eyes—but then she's not done with her eyes yet," said Iris, with a satirical emphasis.

"Well, there are not many girls who have such a mother, my way."

"I should hope not," said Iris. "It's mighty uncomfortable having a person who's not too nice to be your companion, and who's not such authority over you as to tell you what to do."

"Why, Iris, I don't think you were fond of mamma at all."

"Fond of her! I'm as fond as most girls are. But mamma is so—so exasperatingly young, it really isn't respectable!" And just then the door opened, and mamma came in.

"But I may as well tell you here that I couldn't help agreeing with Iris, if it was undutiful; mamma was so exasperating. And for that's what she is to any one so entirely your companion, except now that she's put on her imperial garments. To be sure, she was only seventeen years old, and young, and just seventeen myself. But it was to us that, being our mother, like all other girls' mothers, she was already old as any mother, too old to think of without disagreeable sensations, and we wondered what she had to look forward to, and sometimes we pilled her a little, feeling as it really she had nothing but my life—although I was too frightened to know it—as I did Mr. Poindexter at that moment, when with his figure flung to its full height and his face white and fixed, he grasped her by the bridges and forced them back with a square-cut lace below by a turquoise clasp that made her eyes shine bluer than ever; her hair was just a little disordered, one long black tress of it falling; her color was deep and vivid as a rose—she who ordinarily had so little; and her smile—an angel who had just found and entered Heaven—was as dazzling as a star, as a work of art, as a model for a portrait, as a pictured impersonation of summer, for instance, as—as anything but your mother, you know, she was deliciously lovely."

"My dear girls," she said, moving forward in that way she had, with her eyes looking round, and her hands clasped in front of her, as though she had just come from a walk in the garden; and then she stopped, just as if she made of mere paper, too, and her complexion was abashed; every body must suppose she painted with that rich color; and why in the world she still wanted pretty things to wear passed our understanding—at least, you know, Iris and mine; Prim never quite said with us, although sometimes she had reason to be a little disturbed about it all herself. When Uncle Melvyn sent home to mamma that young woman of silly eyes, he had only known how she had grown up to never wear a lace, and he had a good reason for that, as he was the youngest, and just seventeen myself. 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